

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, Ray Edwards of Springfield, Missouri, attained considerable distinction as a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, from which he retired in July 1998; and

**Whereas**, initiated into IBEW Local Union 53 in October 1954, Ray Edwards accepted increasingly responsible positions with the union at the local, state, and international levels of service; and

**Whereas**, Ray Edwards was appointed Vice President of the IBEW 11th District in October 1985, after which time he served in that position until his retirement; and

**Whereas**, Ray Edwards prepared for his diverse career endeavors by graduating from Hartville High School in 1949, attending IBEW Electronics and Code classes at the Springfield Vocational-Technical School, and completing Safety and OSHA classes at the George Meany Center in Baltimore, Maryland; and

**Whereas**, an involved, community-minded citizen for his entire life, Ray Edwards deserves mention of his service and leadership with the Springfield Community Leadership Forum and the Springfield Chamber of Commerce and of his receipt of a well-deserved Howard Hannah Award; and

**Whereas**, Ray Edwards also served as a delegate to the Springfield Labor Council and the Springfield Building and Trades Council, was chairman of Labor Day parades, attended IBEW Conventions as a delegate in 1966 and 1970, was chairman of the IBEW Committee for restructuring, cochaired the Labor/Management Committees for Utilities and cooperatives and the Council of Industrial Committee, and chaired the IBEW-UA Jurisdictional Committee, among others:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered thus far in the life of Ray Edwards and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued success for many more years to come; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Ray Edwards of Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Sara Lampe  
District No. 138

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker